(KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The National Literacy Mission which was launched in May, 1988, aims at imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the 15—34 age-group by 1995. No year-wise targets have been laid down under the Mission.

(b) According to the reports received so far, an estimated 35.75 million persons have been made literate.

(c) The expression 'Total Literacy' does not signify a hundred percent literacy in terms of coverage of all the age-groups of the entire district population.

So far, the Total Literacy Campaigns have concluded in 78 districts which have entered the Post Literacy Phase.

NO ADMISSION IN PRIVATE ENGINEERING COLLEGES

3369. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private engineering colleges in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have decided to stop admissions this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government so as to enable aspiring students to join engineering courses in these aforesaid states ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SEXUAL ABUSE BY TEACHERS OF JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, FATEHPURI, PATIALA IN PUNJAB

3370. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that recently some students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Fatehpuri Distt., Patiala of Punjab came under sexual abuse by teachers;

(b) whether students were allured by feeding 'poppy-husk' and also by making spirit to be drunk;

(c) whether any investigation was made in the matter; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) An enquiry into the incident revealed the involvement of one teacher against whom an FIR was lodged leading to his arrest and subsequent suspension from the school. Since the teacher was on deputation to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti from the Food Corporation of India, he has also been repatriated back to that organisation with request to take disciplinary action. The Principal of the Vidyalaya is also under orders of transfer.

DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

3371. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the District Primary Education Programme, currently covering 43 districts all over the

country, is likely to secure international aid assistance to cover more areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total Literacy Mission covering more than 200 districts had achieved commendable success without any overseas assistance; and

(c) whether Govt. would earmark greater allocation in its budgetary share to primary education in direct proportion to severe cur ailment on higher education ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) The Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) have been taken in 240 districts with either full or partial coverage and have met with commendable success in saveral of these districts. The assumed duration of Total Literacy Compaigns is 12 months. The TLC is funded by the Govt. of India and the State Governments in the ratio of 2:1. No overseas assistance is being taken for this programme. The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is a new initiative in keeping with the National Policy on Education and its Programme of Action. Unlike the TLC's, which are being a short term campaign, DPEP is a comprehensive programme for primary education development, encompassing the entire gamut of activities needed to improve primary education over a long term. The programme envisages an investment of Rs. 30—40 crores per district over a five year period and a total investment of Rs. 1950 crores during the VIII Plan period. Several multilateral and bilateral agencies have shown interest in providing financial assistance to the programme.

(c) Within the education sector, the outlay for elementary education has been given a high priority. Outlay for elementary education, as percentage of total plan allocation for the education sector increased from 33 per cent during the VIth Plan period, to 35.98 per cent during the VIIth Plan and to 45.59 per cent in the VIIIth Plan period. A holistic view of the national education system is taken and expenditure in one sector of education is not at the cost of other sectors. The Government gives the highest priority to primary education but higher education has its own importance in the national education system.

RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

3372. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the objectives of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what were the budgetary allocation since its inception giving annual figures; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made of the cost-benefit value of the funds being spent on Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) The objectives of Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development in Tamil